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## MOURNING VISITS OF THE ENGLISH PRINCES TO ST. PETERSBURG.

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*SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1881.*

## OUR LONDON LETTER.

Nobody can have been surprised at the issue of the great libel action brought by Mr. Levy Lawson against Mr. Henry Labouchere. The inability of the Jury to agree to a verdict was precisely the result anticipated by impartial readers of this remarkable trial. A shrewd commentator has succeeded, however, in extracting a grain of profit out of this case. Elaborating a suggestion first made by "The Showman" in these columns, he urges everyone who thinks of going to law to become his own barrister. The acrimonious side of this new fashion of pleading was conspicuously shown in the Lawson-Labouchere case. But the custom might in time have its bright side. Pit, for example, Mr. Burnand against Mr. Byron in a law court; and, if both can examine and cross-examine as wittily as they write, a case as entertaining as "Trial by Jury" should be presented for our amusement. At any rate, everybody would rejoice to see the talons of the chartered libertines of the Bar clipped.

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The cruel East wind of March has nipped young and old alike. Those who have noticed the failing physical powers of the Earl of Beaconsfield as he has slowly walked to his seat of late in the House of Lords can hardly have been astonished to learn that the return of wintry cold has confined the ex-Premier to his new home in Mayfair. When to the pain of asthma was added the anguish of gout, and when the advanced age of Lord Beaconsfield was borne in mind, it was impossible for his friends to disguise from themselves the fact that this serious illness was attended by danger. Proportionate was the relief felt when a bulletin announced that the illustrious patient's "strength has been fully maintained."

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I believe, if the truth were known, it would be found that Lord Beaconsfield's life has hung upon a thread for years past. Extreme care on the part of the noble Lord himself and his medical advisers has alone enabled his Lordship to lead the Conservative Party at so ripe an age.

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It was pleasant to read that, opposed as the poles asunder as Mr. Gladstone is to Lord Beaconsfield in politics, yet the Prime Minister on Tuesday walked from Downing-street to Curzon-street to inquire personally as to the state of his health.

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Mr. Gladstone will himself have to hoard his strength for the great task he has set himself to perform next week. The Budget on Monday; and the Irish Land Bill on Thursday! Well may we feel proud of the Hearts of Oak of our foremost Statesmen!

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Our legislators have richly carned their Easter Holiday. Mr. Gladstone will let them out of school on the Boat-Race Day, Friday, April 8.

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Sir Charles Reed, M.P., the leading spirit of the London School Board, fell a victim, I regret to say, to the biting blasts of March. An honourable son of a benevolent sire, Sir Charles Reed has, in the course of his philanthropic career, wrought untold good in numberless ways.

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A very useful idea is about to be carried out at the Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street. Except to a relatively small section of the public, the famous works of the Greek and Latin authors are closed books. To give people who do not know the dead languages a chance of understanding what these books are all about, the college to-night commenced an experimental series of five lectures, called the "Stories of the Classics," the subjects being exclusively Greek. The list of lecturers is a strong one, composed of the Principal, Mr. Tom Hughes, Q.C., and four other distinguished University men. The admission to these lectures is quite free, by tickets, to be obtained at the College only, for the asking.

PHILIP.

The Recorder of the City of London, in his charge to the Grand Jury, on Monday, at the Central Criminal Court, again expressed his strong disapproval of the practice that has recently sprung up in this country of carrying loaded revolvers, and stated that, in his opinion, an Act of Parliament passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of her present Majesty, which required every person carrying a firearm of that description to take out a license, and in default made him liable to a penalty of £10, might very well have been brought into operation. But if burglars and Nihilists use weapons of offence, peace-abiding citizens must protect themselves.

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# News in a Nutshell.

## THE QUEEN IN LONDON!

The Queen with Princess Beatrice and suite left Windsor Castle on Monday morning for London, reaching Paddington shortly before noon. Her Majesty and the Princess drove under escort to Buckingham Palace, where her Majesty held a Drawingroom on Tuesday afternoon, when all the ladies appeared in mourning: black, grey, or white dresses and trains.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice, Prince Alfred, and Princess Marie of Edinburgh attended Divine service last Sunday morning in the private chapel, Windsor, where a special prayer was offered up on the occasion of the funeral of the late Emperor Alexander II. of Russia, which took place this morning at St. Petersburg. A portion of the choir of St. George's Chapel was in attendance and sang the following hymns and anthem:—

Hymn 464 (Verses 1, 6, 7).
Beneath our feet and o'er our head.

Anthem.
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die; but they are in peace.—*Elvey.*

Luther's Hymn.
Great God! what do I see and hear!
The end of things created;
The Judge of mankind doth appear,
On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds! the graves restore
The dead which they contained before:
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him!

The Bishop of Peterborough preached the sermon.

The Empress of Austria paid a visit on Saturday and Sunday to Sir Watkin Wynn, at Wynnstay, and left on Monday morning for London. After a short rest she proceeded on a visit to the Queen, at Buckingham Palace, and departed in the evening for Paris.

The funeral of Alexander II. took place last Sunday in the fortress Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. An enormous crowd thronged the church and the vicinity. The Emperor Alexander III. has issued a manifesto informing the nation that he has appointed his brother the Grand Duke Vladimir Regent of the Empire in case of his (the Czar's) death before his eldest son attains his majority. The Russian journals announce that the police have arrested a young woman (said to be the daughter of a Senator) who had taken an active part in the conspiracies against the late Czar.

In the House of Lords, on Monday, the Consolidated Fund Bill was read the third time and passed, and the Government thus obtained the result for which at one time it was proposed to declare "urgency" in Supply in the House of Commons.

A large number of questions were put to Ministers in the House of Commons on Monday. Replying to a question as to the future of Candahar, Lord Hartington said that the force which the Ameer had sent from Cabul amounted to 5000 men. The Government had no confirmation of a report in the *Times* that General Hume, commanding at Candahar, had refused, for sanitary reasons, to begin the homeward movement before autumn. Sir Charles Dilke stated that the Government had taken steps to ascertain the wishes of the population in those portions of the Turkish provinces which it was proposed to transfer to Greece, and it was overwhelmingly in favour of the change.

Mr. Osborne Morgan moved the second reading of the Army Discipline Bill, and explained the nature of the punishments which the Government proposed to substitute for the "cat." Colonel Stanley did not oppose the bill at this stage, but withheld his opinion as to whether the new system would maintain discipline in the Army. In the course of the debate Mr. Bradlaugh, who was once a private soldier, expressed the detestation with which the rank and file universally regard the punishment of the lash. The bill was read the second time. The House then entered, at the instance of Mr. Harcourt, upon a prolonged debate as to the maintenance of main roads and the proportion of the cost which the urban and the rural authorities should bear respectively.

The rejection of Mr. Stanhope's motion for the retention of Candahar last Saturday morning by 336 votes as against 216 did not surprise anyone inside the House who saw the heartiness of the response to the call of the Liberal whip, and the weighty majority of 120 represented more than a mere party vote. The great question of National as opposed to mere Imperial policy had to be decided, and on that issue every element of Liberalism joined to sustain and assert the former as the higher and the nobler of the two. It was significant to see upwards of two thirds of the most pronounced of Mr. Parnell's adherents joining Ministers in the same votinglobby, as showing that on certain broad grounds Liberals of all types are one in mind and in action. The single Irish vote given to the Opposition by Mr. O'Donnell, the member for Dungarvan, served to make still more conspicuous the feeling of the Irish members as to the Tory party, and was not a little surprising to more than its leader when the result was made known.

The declaration of the majority of the representatives of the United Kingdom has now been recorded, that in their opinion the withdrawal of the British troops from Southern Afghanistan will be conducive to the true and permanent interests of India—precisely the opposite which led this country into the unfortunate Afghan campaign, and has left a debt of £18,000,000 to be paid off.

General Wood last Saturday published at Newcastle the terms of peace accorded to the Boers recently in arms. As we know, the Transvaal recognises as Suzerain the Ruler of the British Empire. The Transvaal will obtain entire self-government in internal affairs, yielding all rights connected with foreign affairs to its Suzerain. The principle of Suzerainty includes the right to move Imperial troops through the country. The transfer of the Government will be carried out within six months. With the view of separating the Transvaal from the great native States lying on its eastern frontier, the Commission will have power to decide as to its future boundaries in that direction. But the surrender of Potchefstroom was a black beginning of peace.

Sir Hercules Robinson, in opening the Cape Parliament on Friday, March 25, remarked that although the Basutos still maintained a defiant attitude, indications were not wanting of their willingness to abandon the contest. The Basutos seem to be not quite of the same opinion. They have inflicted another check on Colonel Carrington's force, and in the fight reported on Monday that gallant colonial officer was himself severely wounded. In a raid the Basutos have also carried off a lot of cattle.

The King of Ashantee has hastened to inquire of the Colonial authorities what was the matter, and on being informed that it was his message, and the manner and circumstances under which the message was delivered, that had caused the "scare," his Majesty lost no time in explaining that there was some mistake somewhere, and in offering an apology, which has been accepted, with 500 ounces of gold in the bargain. This sum, it is alleged, was demanded so as to enable the Colonial Government to withdraw from the situation it had itself created with as little discredit as possible, for it would be absurd to suppose that such a trifle would go far towards defraying the expenses already known to have been incurred.

The Channel Squadron sailed from Lisbon last Saturday, and before reaching Gibraltar will engage in torpedo practice on the coast of Algarve.

The savage King of West Africa has just been indulging in his annual "customs," involving the sacrifice of some hundreds of his unfortunate subjects. A Wesleyan missionary was in Abomey, the capital of the country, when these horrible customs took place, and describes the natives as having been killed in the most barbarous manner.

The principality of Roumania has been erected into a kingdom by a unanimous vote of the Legislature, and Prince Charles is now "King of Roumania."

Paris still has a lively Legislature. Arising out of proceedings in the French Chamber on Monday, M. Janvier de la Motte sent a challenge to the head of the French Government, M. Jules Ferry, which was immediately accepted.

A deputation from the Transvaal Independence Committee waited upon the Earl of Kimberley on Monday with congratulations on the conclusion of peace, and the expression of a fear that the conditions demanded were such as might lead to difficulties in the future. Lord Kimberley said the time was inopportune for discussion. Many matters remained for settlement until after the labours of the Commissioners had concluded: He was most desirous that the final conclusions should be such as were reasonable to the Dutch population, and that whatever powers we retained might be of a simple, definite, and clear nature, so as to be capable of easy enforcement.

Greece and Turkey are now straining themselves to the utmost to prepare for war, which is believed to be inevitable. The Sultan has even gone so far as to demand from the Khedive of Egypt the assistance of a contingent.

On Saturday, in Willis's Rooms, Mr. Arthur Arnold addressed a meeting, which included many members of Parliament, on the claims of Greece to an extension of territory. He contended that what Turkey had offered was inadequate to balance the legitimate demands of the Hellenic Government, and strongly urged that, to prevent a threatened war, England and the other Powers should endeavour by mediation to procure a boundary line which might be accepted by Greece.

A series of atrocious outrages, clearly traceable to the Land League, have been committed at Mill-street, in the county of Cork. A Boycotted shopkeeper having secured the conviction of two men who molested him, was stoned and had his house wrecked, while the houses of some of his witnesses were either set on fire or fired into. Some miscreants even broke the legs of a cow belonging to the priest, who sympathised with the shopkeeper.

## LORD BEACONSFIELD ILL.

The terribly searching wind of March gave the Earl of Beaconsfield a severe cold. An attack of bronchial asthma on Sunday assumed a severe form, and was the cause of anxiety to his Lordship's friends. Dr. Kidd remained with his Lordship all Sunday night and throughout Monday night; and on Tuesday morning he issued the following bulletin:—

Lord Beaconsfield had a restless night, partly through the pain of gout. The paroxysms of asthma less severe, but frequent. J. Kidd, M.D.

The representative of the Press Association had an interview on Tuesday morning with Dr. Kidd, respecting the illness of the ex-Premier. Dr. Kidd stated that he thought it his duty, in consequence of the serious character of Lord Beaconsfield's illness, to remain with his Lordship throughout the whole of the night. The asthmatic attack had been accompanied by a more than usually severe cough, which during the night produced a restlessness which prevented the noble Lord from obtaining that rest which was necessary to overcome the weakness produced by the long confinement. This restlessness was further aggravated by an attack of the gout. Dr. Kidd did not conceal the fact that there was considerable danger, especially when the age of Lord Beaconsfield was taken into consideration.

## LAST OF THE BOER WAR.

At least, we hope so! A messenger from Potchefstroom brought news to Newcastle that Potchefstroom surrendered on the same day that the peace negotiations were signed, after some hard fighting, in which eighteen men of the British garrison were killed and ninety wounded. The Boers also captured 3000 rounds of ammunition and two guns.

Sir Evelyn Wood "wired" the following account of this unlooked-for event:—

Fort Amiel, March 28, 12 noon.

Winsloe surrendered Potchefstroom on the 21st, before my mule waggons, which left Mount Prospect the 7th, had traversed 200 miles.

Terms, all honours of war, retaining private weapons and property. Guns and rifles surrendered, but ammunition for both to be handed to Brand for custody during war, after which to be returned to us.

Garrison not to serve during the hostilities at present existing.

Garrison now marching via Kronstadt on Natal.

## GREAT FIRE AT MANCHESTER. LOSS OF LIFE.

An alarming fire, which resulted in loss of life and great destruction of property, took place on Tuesday morning in Manchester. About half-past twelve a policeman discovered that the warehouse of Messrs. John Haslam and Co., cotton spinners and manufacturers, was on fire. The building, seven storeys high, was gutted, and a most valuable stock of muslins and fancy goods was destroyed. The damaged is estimated at £70,000 or £80,000. A sad accident occurred to three firemen who were playing on the flames at the bottom of a staircase. A bundle of blazing "checks" fell upon them, completely encircling them. When they were rescued one, John Burley, was found to be dead, and two others, Engineer Stevenson and Fireman Griffiths, were so badly injured that recovery is doubtful.

## THE SUNDAY SOCIETY.

Last Sunday afternoon the members of the Sunday Society made a visit to Apsley House, permission for which had been given by the Duke of Wellington. The party were conducted through by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, who called attention to the many relics of the great conqueror whom England delighted to honour, and also to the many interesting pictures contained in the gallery.

In the evening the Grosvenor Gallery was opened, under the auspices of the society, and was visited by upwards of 2000 persons. We trust the Government won't delay throwing open the doors of the National Gallery on Sunday till the people of London have resolved to force their way in to see the paintings they are taxed to pay for.

An Actors' Dinner will take place next Sunday at the Garrick Club. The host will be Mr. Irving, and the principal guest Mr. Booth, whose engagement has closed at the Princess's.

Beautiful Hair.—Churcher's Toilet Cream is the cheapest and best pomade. Imparts fragrance, richness, and softness to the hair. Price 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. 6d., in bottles, for exportation, 1s. 6d.—R. Hovenden and Sons, 5, Great Marlborough-street, W.; and 93 and 95, City-road, E.C. London; and of Perfumers and Chemists.—[Advt.]

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A VISIT TO ST. ISAAC'S CHURCH, ST. PETERSBURG.

## Our Illustrations.

### BURIAL OF THE LATE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

#### THE REMAINS OF ALEXANDER II.

were on Sunday last, March 27, a fortnight after his assassination, interred in the Imperial tomb within the Fortress Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Mourning carriages were soon making their way to the Neva from all parts of the city through half-blinding snow, which so loaded the air and obscured the sight that scarcely more than outlines of the sombre walls of the Fortress could be seen through the drift.

#### THE CEREMONY,

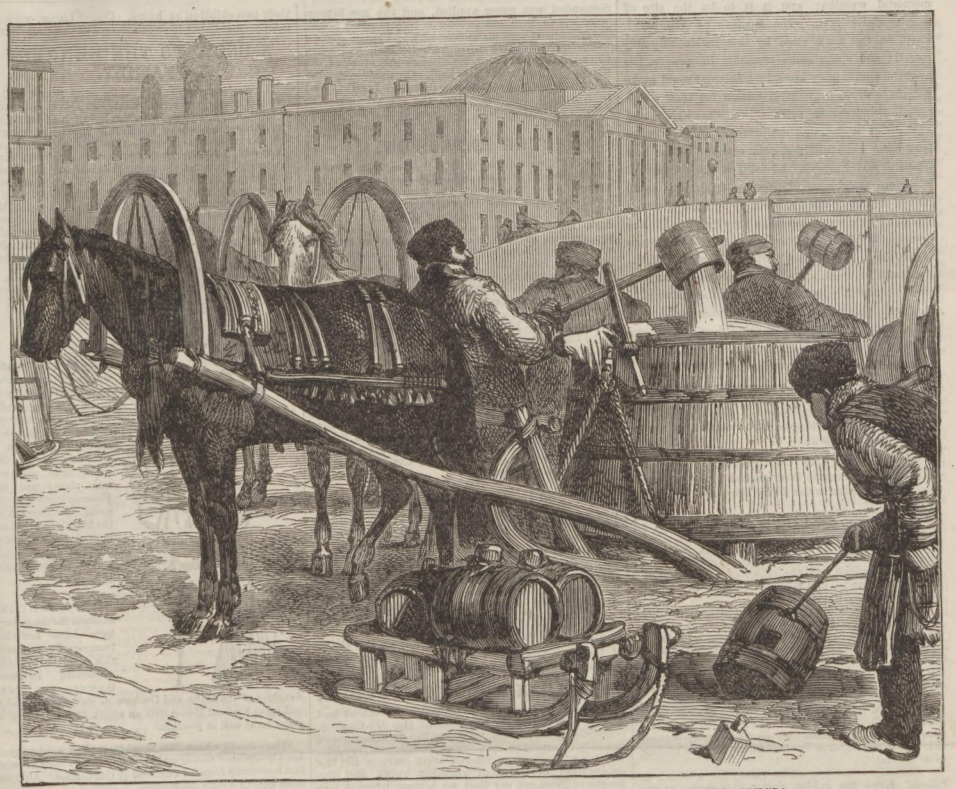
albeit the last great rite paid to the deceased Emperor, was confined almost exclusively to the interior of the Fortress Cathedral, where the prolonged and impressive funeral service of the Greek Church preceded the lowering of the Imperial remains into the vault beside marble-encased relics of bygone Sovereigns of Russia.

On the arrival of the Emperor Alexander III., with other members of the Imperial family, at the door of the Cathedral, they were received by the Metropolitan and the clergy of the Holy Synod, with a cross and holy water, and conducted to the right end of the catafalque. On the right, behind the Imperial family, were also placed the Diplomatic Corps.

Towards the middle of the service, the deep solemnity of which was softened by the sweet voices of the boy choristers, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Crown Prince of Germany, and others arrived, and joined their august relatives under the central canopy, the Princess of Wales standing beside her sister, now Empress of Russia.

As soon as the mitred priests had finished the prayers for the dead, the members of the Russian

SCENE IN ST. ISAAC'S CHURCH, ST. PETERSBURG.



LIFE IN ST. PETERSBURG: DRAWING WATER FROM THE NEVA.

Imperial house, beginning with his Majesty the Emperor, approached, and each kissed the exposed hands of their late sire. The Emperor, deeply moved, bent several times over the body. His Majesty then folded the Imperial mantle of gold and ermine into the coffin, and eight General aides-de-camp brought forward the flower-covered lid with his late Majesty's sword and helmet. When the lid had been properly fixed by an official appointed for the purpose, the Emperor, the Grand Dukes, and the foreign Princes raised the coffin from the catafalque and bore it to the grave, a few yards only on the left hand of the Cathedral, and next the tomb of the late Empress.

The Metropolitan then pronounced a benediction, and the Imperial remains were gradually lowered into their place. At this moment the cannon of the fortress and the field artillery in the courtyard suddenly broke the solemn stillness by a deafening volley, which was repeated six times, the intervals being filled up by the rolling fire of musketry. During these martial honours, the members of the Imperial family filed past the open grave as they left the Cathedral, and, according to the Russian rite, threw in a little sand and a few leaves. Thus ended the last honours rendered to the late Emperor of all the Russias, Alexander II.

## THE CZAR RECEIVES THE GARTER FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES.

On Monday his Majesty Alexander III. took his place amongst the illustrious knights of the most noble Order of the Garter, and at the hands of the Prince of Wales, specially delegated by her Majesty, was invested with the insignia of this most coveted order. The ceremony commenced at half-past twelve, when the mission specially delegated by the Queen was received at the Winter Palace, and a procession was formed to the Throne-room, headed by the officers of the Imperial household. Then followed the members of the suite of the Prince of Wales, each carrying part of the insignia of the order: Colonel Clarke with the Star, Colonel Teesdale carrying the Collar, Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn bearing the Ribbon and the George; and Major-General Sir John Cowell bearing the Garter. After these came the four Knights of the Order present in St. Petersburg—namely, the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Crown Prince of Germany, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Prince of Wales, representing the Queen on this occasion, and attended by their gentlemen in waiting.

The Emperor Alexander III., not wearing the decoration of any other Order, stood in front of the Throne with the Empress, the Duchess of Edinburgh, and all the members of the Imperial family, with the Court dignitaries ranged around, to receive the mission. In the absence of Garter King-at-Arms, Lord Suffield handed the insignia to the Prince of Wales, who then advanced towards the Emperor and announced the object of the mission. The Emperor replied in fitting terms. The Garter having been delivered to the Prince of Wales, he, assisted by the Duke of Edinburgh, buckled it on in due form. The Ribbon and the George were affixed by the Prince on the left shoulder and under the right arm, obliquely to the right side, the Star on the left breast. The Collar of the order was delivered by the Prince of Wales to the Emperor and by him handed to an officer of the Imperial household. Lord Dufferin, in full uniform, wearing the insignia of the Order of St. Patrick, of a Knight Commander of the Bath, and the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, and attended by the members of the British Embassy, was present at the ceremony. Such an act of international courtesy, so promptly and gracefully fulfilled on behalf of the Queen cannot but be cordially welcomed by the Emperor Alexander III.

## THE PRINCES AND PRINCESSES OF ENGLAND IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Deeply interested in all that affects our Royal Family, the English People have regarded with special sympathy the visits of the Duchess of Edinburgh and the Princess of Wales, with their consorts, to St. Petersburg. The bereaved daughter of the late Alexander II., knitted by the strongest ties to her father, lost no time, it will be observed from our front Illustration, in rendering to the memory of the dead that mute homage which, proceeding straight from the heart, doubtless went direct to the hearts of those who chanced to witness this act of silent mourning without knowing the relationship of the earnest mourner to the late Emperor. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were incognito when they visited the spot where the Czar was struck by the fatal bomb. This spot is now inclosed by cypress trees, and numberless

memorial wreaths; and it is to be the site of a memorial church. The Duchess of Edinburgh knelt on the snow close by this melancholy memorial; and spent some moments in prayer, her husband standing by her side. Sorrow should make the whole world kin. Both known for their affectionate kindness in private life, the Prince and Princess of Wales, by their presence in St. Petersburg must have afforded great comfort to the new Emperor and Empress (the sister of the Princess of Wales) in their hour of supreme trial. It was no visit of ceremony merely, we may be sure, that the Prince and Princess paid when they first stood in the presence of the dead Emperor as he lay in State under the dome of the Fortress Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. We hold it as a happy augury for the peaceful relations of England and Russia in the future that the terrible event which has thrown the Imperial Family into mourning should have been followed by this close union in sorrow of the new Czar and England's Heir Apparent.

## LIFE IN ST. PETERSBURG.

A glance at our Illustration of the frozen Neva will add to the vividness with which the reader will realise the present

WINTRY CONDITION

of St. Petersburg as it is described in a passage of Mr. Sala's message to the *Daily Telegraph* on Sunday last:—

"Yesterday was one of the cruellest days of an exceptionally prolonged and rigorous winter. Successive snowstorms, with violent gusts of wind, occupied the forenoon; but towards evening a partial thaw set in, which had the effect of converting the outside perspective and spacious squares of the city into so many morasses.

"From the vast number of distinguished strangers present in St. Petersburg, the circulation of vehicles was incessant, and the block of carriages and sleighs opposite the Hôtel de l'Europe on the Michailoffskaia Plosched, where are located many of the members of the suite of the Prince of Wales and other illustrious strangers in town, was curious to view. Distinguished British officers were continually arriving and departing, and the glow of their scarlet uniforms and gold lace is a decided relief in the midst of a wilderness of gray gaberdines and darkly furred pelisses shrouding the figures in the black sledges gliding over the snow.

"Elsewhere the eye seeks vainly for a touch of colour. Even the golden domes and spires of the churches and the Admiralty wore a smirched and tarnished look in the snowy haze. It is funeral weather assuredly, and the splendid capital of the White Czar might for the nonce appropriately change its name to Necropolis."

A VISIT TO ST. ISAAC'S CHURCH

furnished our Artist with an opportunity to sketch some salient incidents, which are duly depicted in our present Number.

The Church of St. Isaac, though not the cathedral church of St. Petersburg (that is the one dedicated to our Lady of Kazan), is a very grand edifice. It was built in the reign of the late Emperor Nicholas at an enormous cost, the piles for its foundation being sunk in a swampy soil, which alone was an expense of £200,000. The building is in the form of a Greek cross, with equal sides. Each of the four grand entrances is approached by a triple flight of steps, and each flight of steps is cut out of a single huge block of Finland granite. The pillars of the four porticoes are sixty feet high and seven feet in diameter, each of one piece of polished granite. Their Corinthian capitals are of bronze. This structure rivals the great temple of Baalbec. Over the centre of the building is a wide and lofty Byzantine dome, upheld by thirty pillars; its roof is of gilt copper, supporting a cupola with a golden cross, and it is surrounded by four smaller cupolas. Groups of statuary, in gilt bronze, adorn the pediment of the front entrance. The interior of this church is decorated with malachite and various coloured marbles. The principal shrine is a dome upon eight pillars, further ornamented with gilding.

## BURNING OF THE OPERA-HOUSE AT NICE.

We trust that British theatrical managers will take warning from the calamity at Nice; and at length deign to set their houses in order.

### THE CATASTROPHE

happened on Wednesday night, March 22. The cause of the lamentable conflagration was an escape of gas. The pipes, which had been down for over ten years, had led to frequent complaints; but, being under the supervision of the municipal architect and susceptible to the routine of red tape, the remedy demanded was never applied, and the gas fittings were left to hold out as long as they possibly could. Four months ago an escape of gas caused quite a panic in the theatre during a rehearsal, and when the gasfitters were sent for they simply stopped the damaged pipes with white lead. On the Wednesday afternoon another escape was discovered and stopped in a similar manner. But the gas continued to escape, and collected in the space behind the scenes. This caused

### THE EXPLOSION,

and the firemen on duty, obeying the general instructions given them, rushed to the gas meter and turned off the gas, leaving the house in total darkness. According to those who escaped, no words can describe the horror of the scene which ensued in the dark lobbies while the flames were licking the proscenium, and the heavy smoke from the burning scenery was gradually stifling those who were trying in vain to force their way onwards through doors blocked up with the bodies of those who had fallen down fainting, to be trampled under foot. Colonel Fischer, who commanded the 111th Regiment, stationed at Nice, was in the theatre, with his wife and daughter. Providentially, all three managed to make their escape; but the Colonel's sword, left in the box, has since been found in a half-molten state.

### MADAME BIANCA DONADIO,

the prima donna in whose honour "Lucia di Lammermoor" was being sung, had just left the stage when the explosion took place. She did not know her way about the theatre, but, surprised in the dark by the first rush of affrighted chorus-singers, she was literally carried out into the street before she knew where she was.

### SIGNOR COTTONI

was a young and promising singer. It was not the first time he had been under fire, for he was very nearly burnt to death in the conflagration at the Théâtre des Arts at Rouen. He was to have taken the part of the Ghost in "Hamlet" on that occasion, and he was compelled in his full suit of armour to jump from a second-floor window into the street. He was caught on some mattresses, but he was so much hurt and shaken that very slight hopes were entertained of his recovery. He did get well; but fate appears to have marked him out as the victim of the devouring element, for, after escaping at Rouen, he was burnt to death at Nice.

### THE SAILORS FROM THE FLEET,

now in port for the purpose of being present at and taking part in the organisation of the Mi-Carême, rendered signal service, rivalling the detachments of the 111th Regiment in their endeavours to save life. Parties of volunteers offered their services after the exploration of the still smoking ruins, and the people of Nice can say that no human life was lost which could have been saved by any daring or heroism on the part of those who performed prodigies of valour. Sailors swarmed like cats along the narrow cornices, aiding the people pent up behind the windows in making their escape, but they could not break down the stout, iron-clamped, oaken doors, opening inwards and doubly locked, which were meant to offer additional means of egress in the event of any fire. Two soldiers dashed into the thick volumes of smoke to drag out a woman who, mad with excitement, attempted to make her way into the burning theatre to find her two children and their father. One of the sailors in trying to work the hose lost his balance and fell into the fire, but was immediately rescued, though severely injured, by two of his comrades.

### THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN SAILORS

were the first to enter the burning house and endeavour to free the doorway, dragging away by main force the bodies of those who were being trampled on by others in their eagerness to escape. Eye-witnesses describe the scene as horrible in the extreme. Many of the volunteers fainted away when they got inside the house and climbed up to the narrow staircase which led to the fourth gallery. The unfortunate victims in their haste to escape had formed a regular barricade of human bodies and stopped the passage. The dead had to be cleared away rapidly. An old man, with long white hair and beard, was upright against the pile of corpses, holding out a little girl of about five years of age at arm's length. Both were, of course, dead. The body of a woman was brought out entirely carbonised, with the exception of the arms, which were encased in long gloves and adorned with bracelets. Shells were requisitioned and filled with charred human remains, the bodies of several of the unfortunate victims burnt beyond all chance of recognition.

Letters and telegrams from Nice declare that

### THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS EXCEEDS 200.

Many are buried among the ruins, having jumped from the galleries into the stalls, where retreat was cut off by the fire. M. Bris, president of the syndicate of *employés de commerce* at Avignon, who had come over to Nice with his wife, sister-in-law, and cousin for the regatta, were among the victims in the dress circle; also a young married couple who had left their two children at home. Count Lucco, with his family, was burnt to death in one of the stage boxes.

## A BLOW TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

The *Scotsman* says:—"Widespread regret will be felt at the announcement that Mr. David Kennedy, of Edinburgh, the well-known Scottish vocalist, has lost three members of his family by the burning of the Nice Opera-House. They are Mr. James Kennedy, twenty-three years of age; Miss Kate Kennedy, nineteen; and Miss Lizzie Kennedy, seventeen. At the close of the season's engagements, which terminated in the end of January with a series of most successful concerts in Edinburgh, Mr. James Kennedy, in company with his two sisters, started for Nice to resume his studies for the third year under Signor Lamperti, a famous Italian teacher of music, the young ladies accompanying their brother for the first time."

## Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

I AM glad to be able to state that what threatened recently to be an unhappy scandal has been pleasantly arranged. The talked-of separation between a civic dignitary and his young wife will not take place; and the Platonic interest in the social advancement of the lady, which was exhibited by a leading member of the Bar, will no longer be misjudged.

Many families amongst the aristocracy have been suffering from measles. Amongst this number is Lady Alexandra Leveson-Gower, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, who is laid up at Stafford House with an attack of measles, but is going on as well as possible.

Whole families have also been attacked by scarlet fever. Lord Scarsdale's family and several of his servants are now just recovering from an outbreak of this disease. All these cases were of a mild description.

Who is Mr. Childers's tailor? This rage for man millinery at the War Office is a very serious tax on those young men in the service who cannot afford long tailors' bills. The last freak of changing the militia decorations from silver to gold, it is said, on the most moderate computation, will cost the country ten pounds per man; and officers who pay for their own uniforms complain that it will in many cases entail on them an outlay of from forty to fifty pounds.

At the conclusion of "The Forty Thieves," at the Gaiety on Saturday night I heard an *habitué* of the stalls say to his friend, "Now for a weary ten minutes before we get to the Strand." Making allowance for a little exaggeration, the time required to make one's way from the front row of the stalls to the street is painfully long; but in the event of fire, what then?

I wonder how many of the theatre-goers who have shuddered over the recent terrible catastrophe at Nice have thought that some day their own lives may be similarly endangered.

Mr. Briton Riviere is sending four works to the Royal Academy this spring. The most important is "A Roman Holiday," of course an amphitheatre scene. A Christian martyr is confronted by two tigers, one of which he has overcome and killed; he has fallen exhausted upon the sand, where he traces a cross with the point of his short sword. The other tiger runs growling round the arena.

Mr. Langtry has turned up in Chicago, and has been duly interviewed by an enterprising journalist, who heads his article "The Lily's Lord."

Endowed with the grace and personal beauty of an Apollo, raised in early youth to one of the most ancient of European thrones, Louis II. of Bavaria is a *Sonderling* among monarchs as he is a *Sonderling* among men. He was still a mere boy when he succeeded his dissolute and self-indulgent grandfather, who will be known to posterity chiefly by the senile folly which made him the laughing-stock of Europe as the protector of the Spanish dancer, Lola Montez, whose portrait, with something of the *beauté du diable*, closes the long line of Court beauties and favourites in the picture-gallery of the *Königschloss* at Munich.

The enormous sale of HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[ADVT.]

## The Playgoer.

The one "burning" theatrical topic of the week is the destruction by fire of the Opera-House at Nice. Whatever laxity may be observed at the majority of London theatres with respect to this grave point, it will be reassuring when the opera season begins to remember that since Covent Garden and Her Majesty's Theatres were burnt down, the handsome structures which have sprung up on their sites are most carefully safeguarded against fire. Bearing this in mind, one may run down the list of artistes Mr. Gye has engaged for the season beginning April 19 with an easier mind. Patti, Nicolini, and Albani are still to the fore. Naturally! Whatever would Covent Garden do without Patti and Albani?

The spirited panorama of the Charge of the Light Brigade, just opened in Leicester-square, presents a most realistic tableau of this Crimean episode; and should draw "all London."

In view of the terrible occurrence at Nice, the fiery drama produced last Saturday at the Park, "Gerry" by name, is not a comforting play to see; but there can be no questioning the effectiveness with which the scene of the burning theatre is represented.

## Zephyrs from the Wings.

I consider Mr. Harris, of Drury-Lane Theatre, the most enterprising manager of the present day. Already has he made arrangements far into '82. There are few men who so thoroughly understand the art of advertising. The result of this energy and enterprise is a full treasury.

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The St. James's Theatre closes for three nights in Passion Week. This voluntary sackcloth and ashes scarcely looks like good business.

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I cannot congratulate Madame Modjeska on her Juliet. I have seen very much better. Mr. Forbes Robertson is scarcely my ideal of the poetry-breathing Romeo. Mr. Ryder as Friar Lawrence, Mr. Barrett as Mercutio, and Mr. Price as Tybalt, were all that could be desired. But I cannot think that the Court Theatre has scored a success in the revival.

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I am waiting anxiously for Paul Meritt's new piece. I hear the sensational effects are to be electrical. He ran down to Portsea the other day to see about a few torpedoes; but, upon consideration, he thought, as a successful author, he could manage the principal blowing up himself.

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I see the death is announced of Miss M. A. Bellair, of the Britannia Theatre. Years ago she was a great favourite at the Colosseum Theatre, Liverpool, as leading lady; her first husband, poor Micky Lawler, being the low comedian. Miss Kate Lawler, of the Royalty, is one of her daughters.

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Smoking is strongly objected to in the dressing-rooms of theatres, principally on account of the insurance; though in many houses, where actors are not quite treated as convicts, the practice is winked at. In a West-End theatre lately, a newly-fledged acting manager, in order to give some idea of his importance, and not being quite satisfied with the usual printed notices, put up the following in his own handwriting:—"Smoking not *aloud*." And there is a School Board! The burning of the Opera-House, Nice, however, shows the need of the precaution.

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Mr. Irving starts for a provincial tour, about the middle of next August, accompanied by Miss Terry, Mr. Terriss, and full company. He returns to the Lyceum in December to produce "Coriolanus."

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A new and "powerful" drama is announced for the Princess's, entitled "Branded." I wonder if it be any relation to the old piece, the "Galley Slave." In any case, judging from the posters, it bids fair to rival the "World" in sensational effect.

ARIEL.

## Chit-Chat.

King Humbert has sent 5000f. to the Mayor of Nice for the relief of the widows and orphans of the persons who perished in the fire at the Opera-House.

The Nice Opera-House was built by Victor Emmanuel's father.

The Terrible Disaster at the Nice Opera-House has induced the Austrian Government to order a strict examination of the state of the gas-pipes and illuminating apparatus in every place of public amusement in Vienna.

The Prime-Minister and a select party dined with the Poet Laureate on Saturday at his residence, in Upper Belgrave-street.

Lord Hartington and the Bishop of Peterborough arrived at Windsor on Saturday, on a visit to the Queen, and were included in the Royal dinner party.

The Rev. William Henry Bateson, D.D., Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, died on Sunday morning from an attack of bronchitis. Deceased graduated in 1836, and was elected Master in 1857.

The Marriage of the Crown Prince of Sweden with Princess Victoria of Baden will, it is believed, take place about the end of September, at Stockholm.

The Infant Daughter of Princess Frederica and of Baron von Pawell Rammingen died on Sunday evening at Hampton Court Palace.

The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief will hold a Levée at one o'clock on Wednesday, April 6, at the Horse Guards, Whitehall.

The Marquis of Lorne will probably visit Manitoba about the middle of July.

General Grant has been elected President of the Mexican Southern Railroad.

General Wood has visited the Majuba Hill and the position held by the Boers; and a correspondent confirms the reports of the almost incredibly small loss sustained by the Boers, and states that the position held by them was a most formidable one.

The Arrest of Sophia Perofskaya, who is said to have confessed to complicity in the murder of the Czar, has caused great grief among the Nihilists, who have resolved upon the death of the new Emperor should she be executed.

A Berlin Semi-Official Paper states that the Crown Princess received an anonymous letter by post, stating that her husband would fall a victim to a sentence of the Nihilists at the funeral of the Czar.

Sir William Knollys has replied to a requisition addressed by the committee of the National Eisteddfod of Wales, inviting the Prince of Wales to become a patron of the institution, stating that the request cannot be acceded to. A like reply has been received from the Controller of the Household of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr. Plimsoll has left Madeira for the Cape, on account of the severe indisposition of Mrs. Plimsoll.

Mr. John Prescott Knight, R.A., who was for many years secretary to the Royal Academy, died on Saturday at his residence, Maida-hill, aged seventy-eight.

Mr. Pemberton, the owner of the river above Cambridge where the Corpus student was drowned last week, has publicly notified his determination not to allow persons to pass up the river in outriggers or canoes.

A New London Theatre.—The Board of Works has passed the plans for a new théatre, which is being erected in Panton-street, Haymarket, London, and which will be opened about September next. Mr. Alex. Henderson, who has obtained a lease for eighty years, has decided to name the new theatre the "Lyric."

Three Young Men were Boating on the Ship Canal at Gloucester last Monday evening, and were changing seats, when the boat capsized. Two of the men managed to get ashore very much exhausted, but the third was drowned.

Mrs. Leach's Family Dressmaker for April, price Twopence, and the "Children's Dressmaker," price One Penny. Thousands of subscribers say these works should be in every household, for they are unequalled for practical utility and cheapness. The two Books post-free for two stamps.—Mrs. Leach, 6, Johnson's-court, Fleet-street, London. May be had at all Newsagents'.—[Advt.]

AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.

The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted one drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but, if the reader will ask himself the following questions, he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling, attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky mucous gather about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the sides and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarging? Is there costiveness? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing, there will be a dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against this latter agonising disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipiency. It is most important that the disease should be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in until every vestige of the disease is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs are restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effectual remedy for this distressing complaint is "Seigel's Curative Syrup," a vegetable preparation sold by all Chemists and Medicine Venders throughout the world, and by the Proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 21, Farringdon-road, London, E.C. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system. Ask your Chemist for Seigel's Curative Syrup. Read the following testimonials:—

"41, Warwick-street, Woolwich, Kent,
"April 9, 1880.

"To A. J. White, Esq.—Sir,—I beg to inform you that I have been suffering for some time from general inward weakness, and an all-gone, sinking feeling of the chest and stomach, with a great deal of pain after eating. I had consulted doctors, and had taken several bottles of their medicine, both in Ireland and England, but without any good result; it seems to me that all they tried to do was to get my money. A friend of mine advised me to try a bottle of your truly valuable Curative Syrup, which I am happy to say I did, and after the first two or three doses I felt great relief, and by the time I had finished the second bottle I had quite lost all symptoms of my old ailment; and from the very great good I have derived from it I have recommended it to many of my friends with all confidence, who have tried it with very satisfactory results—one in particular, who is suffering from a very bad leg, and he wishes me to ask you if you have any vegetable ointment for old sores that he could use while taking your medicine.—I am, Sir, yours ever gratefully, Annie McCombe."

Discharged from the Infirmary as Incurable.

"West Wyland-terrace, Prudhoe-on-Tyne,
"July 3, 1879.

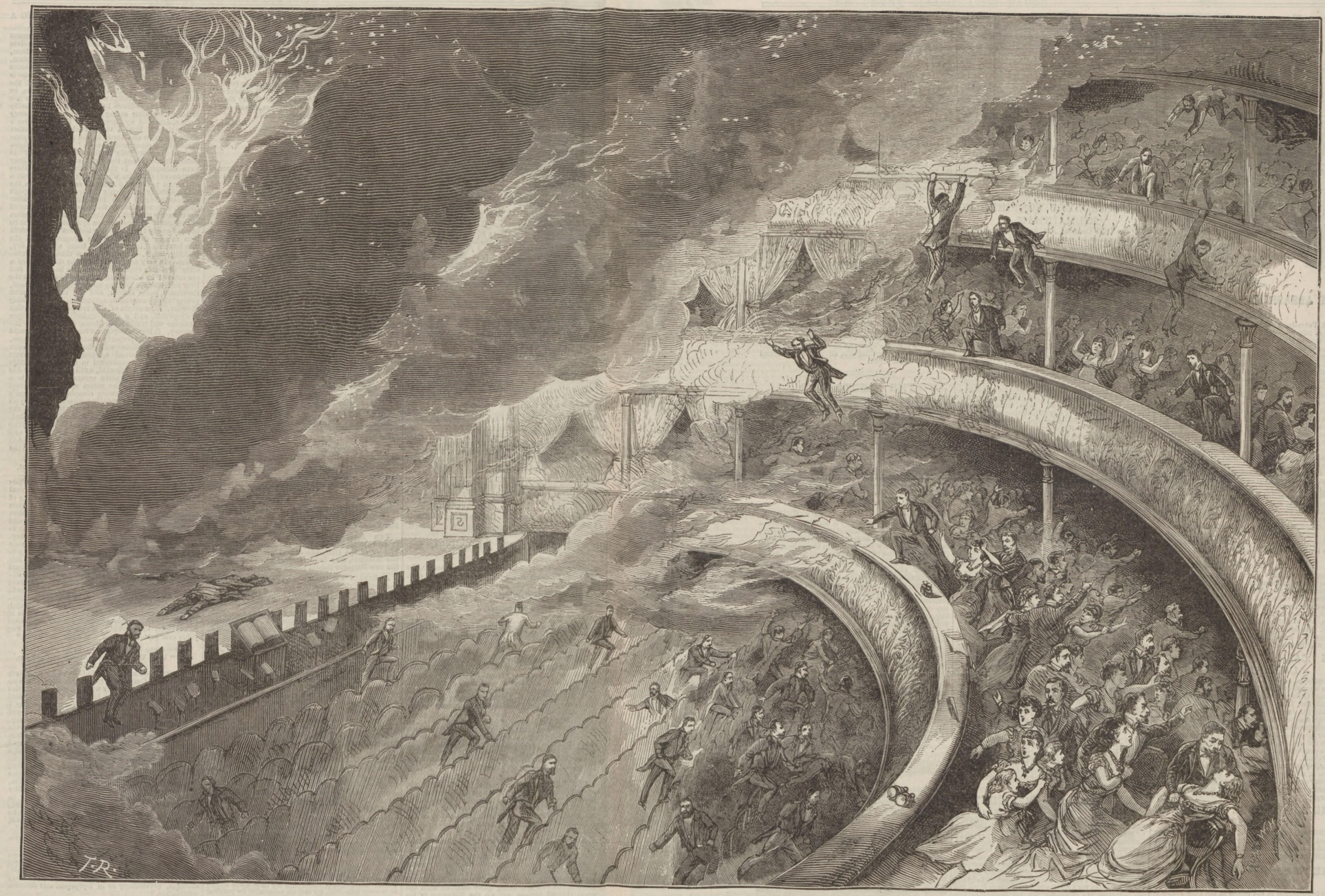
"Dear Sir,—Inclosed is P.O.O., and I may inform you that the 'Curative Syrup' I got from you is no stranger in my house; my wife has taken two bottles for liver complaint, and it has done her a great deal of good; but a far more wonderful cure than any I know of is that of one of my sons, a lad aged eighteen years, who is a living witness to its efficacy. For eleven years he was in a fearful state from running ulcers about the neck and chest. I had him in the infirmary at Newcastle, and he was discharged as incurable, and I feared that he would live but a short and miserable life.

"I was persuaded to give him your medicine; amendment was rapid, and after taking four bottles the ulcers had entirely disappeared, and his skin, once rough and scurvy, is now as clear and healthy as one could wish to see. You are at liberty to publish this, as my son can be seen any day at work, and such a wonderful medicine and cures cannot be too widely known. Thanking you for your kindness, I remain, yours truly, James Gibson."

"To Mr. R. Wright, Chemist, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne."

Mr. Albert Archer, Chemist, Woodhouse, near Sheffield, writes under date Dec. 30, 1880. "I need scarcely say that the sales have been very good. The Medicine has given general satisfaction in every instance, particularly so in Dyspepsia and stomach complaints."

*Seigel's Syrup can be obtained from any Chemist or Medicine Dealer.*—[Advt.]



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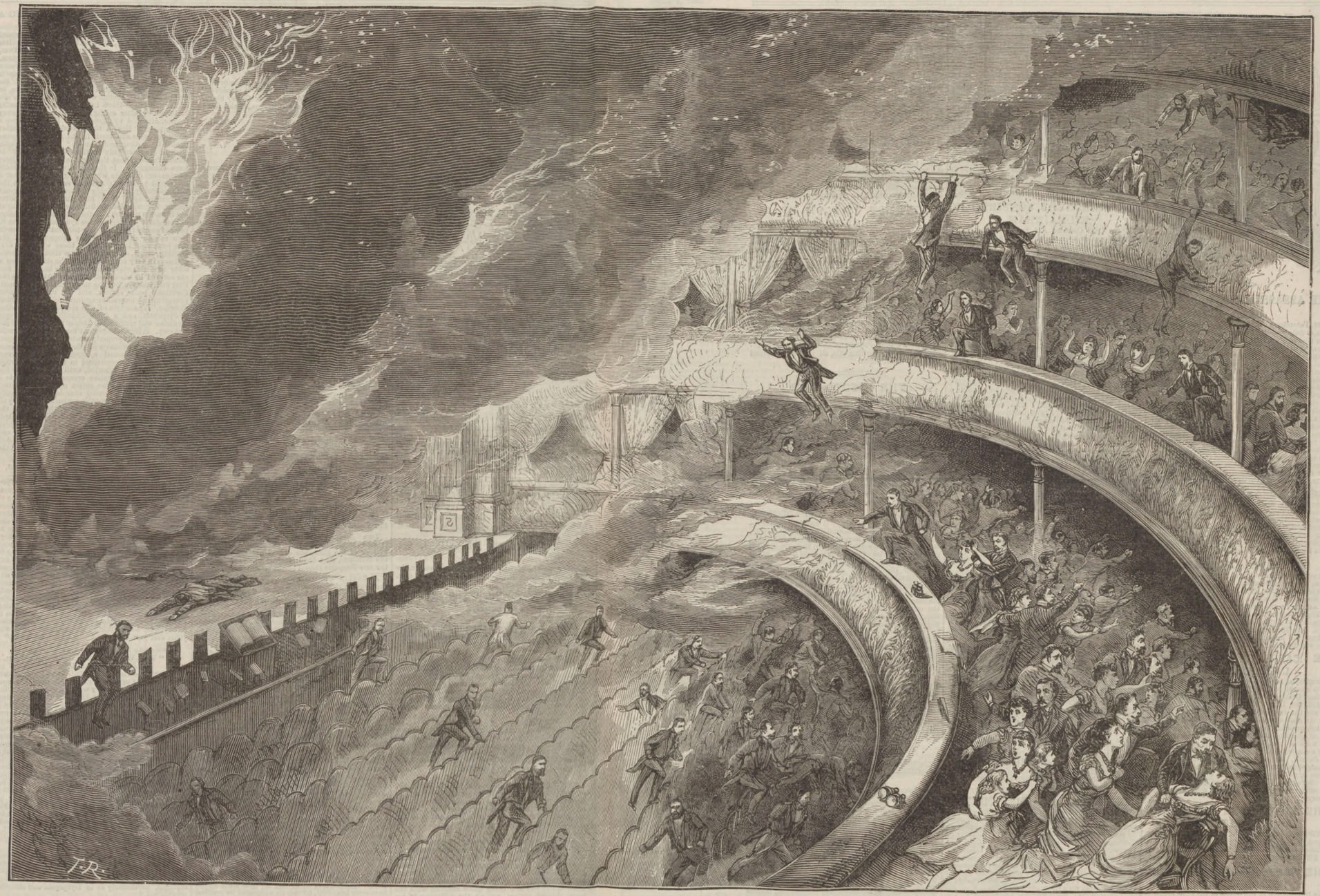

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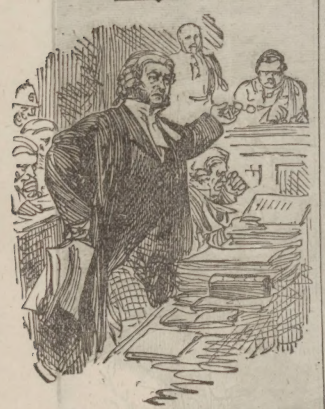
## Law and Crime.



## THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CZAR.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs as follows:—"The special Court of Senators for the trial of Rusakoff and his accomplices has now been constituted, but the day for opening the proceedings has not yet been fixed, owing to the important arrest of a woman named Perofskaya, who has confessed to having been the assistant of Hartman and of Rusakoff. This women will be arraigned with the other prisoners, making five in all—namely, Hisakoff, the assassin; Jeliab, a conspirator-in-chief, captured before the catastrophe of the 13th; Michailoff, the young man arrested on entering the house where the police were lying in wait; Hessy Helfmann, the woman found in the same house, the male occupant of which shot himself on the arrival of the police; and Perofskaya, the woman taken on the Nevsky on Wednesday. These will all be charged in the act of accusation with direct complicity in the murder of the Czar and various other State crimes. Hessy Helfmann is supposed to have been one of those tried in the great trial of Socialists at Moscow some years ago; and the woman Perofskaya is believed to have carried the petard which caused the Emperor's death, and to have given it into the hands of Rusakoff on the canal only a short time before the Emperor's carriage came along. It appears that Rusakoff himself confesses to the fact of a woman having brought him the bomb. This is another example of the remarkable influence and share which women have in the Russian revolutionary schemes.

## THE EVELYN CASE.

A case has recently been mentioned more than once as having appeared in the Courts, relating to the ownership of the Evelyn estates, which are very extensive and valuable. Lady Mary Evelyn had made a claim for the estates on the ground that there was illegitimacy in the descent of the present Mr. Evelyn, of Wootton, Surrey, the holder of the estates. On Monday in the Chancery Division she withdrew all imputations; and, by consent, the action was dismissed.

## THE CASE OF "LAWSON V. LABOUCHERE"

was continued on Monday, and brought to a conclusion except so far as a verdict is concerned. Sir Hardinge Giffard having addressed the Court for the Plaintiff, the Lord Chief Justice summed up the case, and the Jury retired to consider their decision. After an absence of an hour and twenty minutes they informed his Lordship that there was no chance of their agreeing, and the learned Judge stated that they were as nearly as possible equally divided After a conversation between the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Poland, and Mr. Labouchere, his Lordship discharged the jury, adding that he regretted this, because it might necessitate the whole thing being gone over again, though that would depend on the good sense of the parties. The jury were accordingly discharged.

## THE LIBEL CASE BETWEEN TWO CLERGYMEN

of Wiltshire, arising out of Mr. Barnwell having charged Mr. Chamberlain with immoral practices, concluded yesterday, with a verdict for the plaintiff, with £3000 damages.

## THE MANSION HOUSE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

The information in the hands of the City Police is said to be conclusive as to the complicity of three American-Irishmen in the recent attempt to blow up the Mansion House; and there is every reason to believe, in spite of assertions and sneers to the contrary, that the outrage is the outcome of a Fenian plot and conspiracy to injure public buildings in the metropolis. Two of the suspected persons have been traced across the Channel, and may by this time have escaped to the United States; but some City detectives left London on Saturday night for the place where they are conjectured to be, and though the Extradition Treaty will be of no avail in the matter, it is believed that the friendly authorities will not place legal difficulties in the way of their arrest. A third man is believed to have started for New York from London by the Anchor steamer Australia on Friday week. A man exactly answering his peculiar description, and lame like him, took an emigrant's berth in that vessel; but the City Police were not apprised of the fact till the ship had sailed, and all that could be done was to endeavour to intercept the Australia at the Lizard. Tugs were sent out with that view, but the night was dark, and the ship was not sighted. Another attempt will be made to board the steamer before she arrives in American waters.

## THE PRISONERS CONFINED IN KILMAINHAM,

under the Irish Coercion Act, have held a meeting during recreation hours, and (with one exception) came to the conclusion that the prison diet allowed is so liberal that they will not further permit the Land League to supply their meals. They have accordingly intimated to the Governor their determination that from that day they will accept the prison fare provided by the special rules applicable to them. From the statement made by Mr. Michael Boyton to Mr. Quin, the assistant-secretary of the League, a resolution embodying this decision was formally drawn up and passed.

## A MILITARY GLOVE-FIGHT.

Colonel W. G. Dawkins, who was recently deprived of his commission in the Army, was charged at the Marlborough-street Police Court on Saturday last with assaulting Lieutenant-General Stephenson. The prosecutor was a member of the military court on whose report the Horse Guards acted in depriving Colonel Dawkins of his command, and he was also a member of the Travellers' Club, from which the Colonel had been expelled. The defendant had written to him letters of a most insulting and libellous character; and a few days ago, meeting him in Grafton-street, called him "a liar and a sneak," and struck him across the face with a glove. Acting on the advice of Lord Abinger, General Stephenson summoned Colonel Dawkins before the magistrates, and the case was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

## A GENERAL'S DIVORCE.

In the Divorce Court on Saturday Lieutenant-General Sir John Ross, K.C.B., who was actively engaged in the Afghan war, obtained a divorce from his wife.

## THE WEST OF ENGLAND BANK.

The official liquidators of the West of England Bank have issued a statement showing that the whole of the three millions and a quarter of liabilities, save about £54,000, have been paid, and the assets to meet this are estimated at £76,000. This shows a surplus for return to the shareholders, but one of the largest of the items forming the assets may possibly be the subject of a Chancery suit and heavy loss.

## BURGLARY IN KENSINGTON.

On Saturday last, at Hammersmith Police Court, Charles Slade, described as a butler, was brought before Mr. Paget charged with being concerned in committing a burglary at Scarsdale House, Kensington, and stealing plate and old Dresden china, value £300, the property of the Hon. E. C. Curzon, one of the Justices for the county of Middlesex. Police-Constable Hobling proved taking the prisoner into custody, when the prisoner said, "I am very sorry; it is the first time I have got into trouble." Mr. Paget granted a remand.

## A SHEFFIELD TRAGEDY.

At Sheffield on Saturday night James Hall, a cutler, murdered his wife by battering in her head with a hatchet. He also attempted to murder his daughter. Hall is said to have been leading a dissipated life, and to have been living on his wife's earnings, and frequent quarrels had been the result. The murdered woman is described as having been extremely industrious. The murderer made a full confession of his guilt.

## THE RITUALIST DIFFICULTY.

In the Arches Court on Saturday last an application was made for a fresh order of commitment against the Rev. R. W. Enraght, the well-known—by reason of the proceedings against him—Vicar of Bordesley, near Birmingham. It was proved that the rev. gentleman, immediately after his release on a curious technicality by the Court of Appeal, had resorted to his former practices, and had repeatedly offended against the monition under which he still labours. Lord Penzance declined, however, to grant the application for a fresh writ of significavit, on the ground that Mr. Enraght, by his appeal to the House of Lords against the decision of the Court of Appeal—which was against him on some points—would open up the whole question of the constitution and power of the Court of Arches to deal with offences under the Public Worship Regulation Act.

## A COVENTRY MYSTERY.

Early on Saturday morning the driver of a train, while passing under a footbridge near Coventry, found a young woman lying insensible on the embankment. She was dreadfully injured, and on being conveyed to the hospital at Rugby she stated that her name was Martha Booth, of Stoke, Coventry, and that she is said to have attributed her injuries to the intentional act of some person. A man named Ashbourne has been apprehended on suspicion.

## SHOOTING AN EDITOR IN SAN FRANCISCO.

We hear from San Francisco that Mr. Kalloch, the Mayor's son, whose shooting of Mr. De Young, the editor of a newspaper, caused so much excitement last year, has been acquitted by the jury on the ground that the deed was done in self-defence.

## ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A CHURCH.

A large petard exploded last Saturday night, at half-past nine o'clock, in Madrid, at the door of the Carmelite Church, which was considerably damaged.

## MUTINY ON A BRITISH VESSEL.

Information has just come to hand from Pensacola, dated the 1st ult., announcing the arrival there of the English ship Silistria. From the report made to the British Consul there it appears that a mutiny broke out on board on Feb. 19, and lasted two days. The master found it necessary to have recourse to firearms, and one of the mutineers was shot and so seriously injured that he died soon afterwards. On the arrival of the vessel at Pensacola, steps were taken to have the matter thoroughly investigated, and, pending this, all parties concerned were held under arrest.

## THE BASUTO WAR.

Fighting has recommenced in Basutoland, although few people will be able to see why the Independence which has been granted to the Boers for successful rebellion should not have been also given to these equally brave natives, whose claims are, indeed, far stronger, both upon our sense of justice and of gratitude, than were those of the Boers.

The fighting appears to have begun simultaneously at the three points held by the Colonial troops, Mafeteng, Maseru, and Leribe. Boleka Mountain is some twenty miles from the first-named place, and lies above Letse's village, where fighting has already occurred several times. It was probably in some skirmish near this village that

COLONEL CARRINGTON WAS WOUNDED.

The Boleka Lidge—probably it should be Ridge—will no doubt give the Colonial troops some trouble. Hitherto the Basutos have fought upon the offensive, but now that they are taking to their strongholds the real difficulties of the invaders will begin. Many of their mountain fortresses are of immense strength, and their capture will need much greater pluck and determination than have hitherto been manifested by the Colonials. General Clarke is in command, and the engagement which is said to be imminent will be an index by which the future of the campaign may be gauged. From Maseru no important advance has been made since the war began, the garrison there being continually besieged by the enemy. At Leribe, or rather Thlotseg Heights, which is the position held by the Colonial troops, near the house of the magistrate of the Leribe district—there is no town of that name—the fighting has hitherto been of a trifling description

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have taken place at intervals, but the natives have never attacked with any vigour, nor have the Colonial troops attempted any operation at a distance from their intrenched position. We have yet to learn how Major Lawrence was killed. The Colonial Government does not seem to have made such use as might have been expected of the time which it has had to bring up reinforcements. It is now six weeks since the rising in the Transkei was virtually crushed, and by this time an overpowering force ought to have been assembled for the invasion of Basutoland.

Dr. Bernays on Cocoa.—"What are we to say to Cocoas containing only twelve to twenty per cent of Cocoa? A thin drink of genuine Cocoa would be both wholesomer and cheaper than when thickened." Cadbury's Essence is genuine and cheaper in use.—[Advt.]

Have it in Your Houses.—Lamplough's Pyretic Saline.—The cure in Smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[Advt.]

What Everybody Wants to Know.—A gentleman writes:—"Since I have used Eno's Fruit Salt night and morning my headaches, &c., have quite left me; and this is after suffering for above twenty years. You should make this fact well known." Eno's Fruit Salt or Fruit Saline (prepared from sound ripe fruit). It is a pleasant beverage—sparkling, cooling, refreshing, and invigorating; it keeps the blood pure and prevents bilious attacks by natural means. Sold by all Chemists. Price 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Beware of unprincipled worthless imitations.—[Advt.]

# Sports and Pastimes.

## THE O. AND C. BOAT-RACE,

to be decided over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake on Friday next, April 8, now engages the zealous attention of the gregarious crowds who delight to scan the rival crews as they practise on the Thames.

THE OXFORD CREW,

who arrived at Putney last Monday morning, made their first appearance on the tideway in the afternoon. The weather, although the air was cold, was beautifully fine and bright, and when the Dark Blues came down to the London Boat-house at three o'clock a large number of spectators were present on the towpath anxious to witness their long-expected début. At three o'clock they launched their new boat, which was equipped with some old outriggers, from the London Rowing Club hard, and rowed straight away up river against the ebb tide to the Crabtree. From here they went on above Hammersmith Bridge, and eased off Biffen's boatyard. By reason [illegible], owing to the third Chiswick dead-square, the water was somewhat lumpy, but the boat travelled well through the water; and, having proceeded as far as the engine-house above Chiswick, the crew made another stoppage for a few minutes, and subsequently went on to the Bull's Head at Barnes. Here they turned, and starting at what is known as "little profit" they rowed back on a fast running ebb tide to Chiswick Church. They then went on to the bottom of the Eyot, after a brief rest, and, having paddled to Hammersmith, they started just above the Suspension Bridge, where a number of spectators were assembled, and rowed on to Putney, where they disembarked about four o'clock, their time from the Suspension Bridge to the Grass Wharf being 4 min. 5 sec., and to the Creek 6 min. 30 sec. During the journey they were coached by Mr. Edwardes-Moss from the bows of a steam-launch. They were also followed by three other steamers, on board of one of which were several old Cambridge Blues, who appeared to be highly satisfied with what they saw. That the Oxford men failed to inspire the onlookers with confidence cannot be denied; but it must be remembered that they were rowing with strange "rigging" and in strange water. The members of the crew are unusually powerful men, and, taken into account the drawbacks inseparable to a first appearance on the tideway, it would not be fair or reasonable to anticipate a display of form, which, upon subsequent occasions, may prove to be very different from what was displayed on Monday. As it was, they rowed a lively stroke, and the boat travelled at a good pace. The main faults visible were perhaps too much in the air, a failure to cover the blades of their oars, and a want of regularity in time and slide. These are the members of the Oxford crew:—

| | st. | lb. |
|---|---|---|
| R. H. J. Poole, Brasenose (bow) .. .. .. | 10 | 9 |
| 2. R. A. Pinckney, Exeter .. .. .. .. | 11 | 1 |
| 3. A. H. Paterson, Trinity .. .. .. .. | 12 | 1 |
| 4. E. Buck, Hertford .. .. .. .. .. | 11 | 6 |
| 5. R. S. Kinnersley, Exeter .. .. .. | 11 | 0 |
| 6. D. E. Brown, Hertford .. .. .. .. | 12 | 4½ |
| 7. J. H. T. Wharton, Magdalen .. .. .. | 11 | 7 |
| L. R. West, Christ Church (stroke) .. | 11 | 0 |
| H. Lyon, Magdalen (cox.) .. .. .. .. | 7 | 4 |

THE CAMBRIDGE MEN

were out soon after eleven on Monday morning. The flood tide, aided by the wind, was then making fast; and the crew paddled quietly down river, with several easies on the way, to within a hundred yards or so of Hammersmith Suspension Bridge. Here they turned and rowed hard to Chiswick Church on the flood, with the wind behind them. Paddling on to the engine-house, they did another long row to the Ship at Mortlake, and disembarked. Being somewhat stale after the Sunday's rest, the men hardly appeared to such advantage as they did on Saturday. Stroke and No. 6 were again sliding too quickly, and although the feather on the bow side showed some slight improvement, a good deal of splashing was occasionally visible on the stroke side. In the afternoon they launched their boat a second time, for the purpose of trying a new set of oars. Having set out from the boat-house some after half-past four, they paddled up to Strand-on-the-Green, where they turned and rowed to the boat-house, and then they went on to the Ship. The Cambridge crew is thus formed:—

| | st. | lb. |
|---|---|---|
| R. C. G. M. Gridley, Third Trinity (bow).. | 10 | 12 |
| 2. H. Sandford, Lady Margaret .. .. .. | 11 | 13½ |
| 3. J. A. Watson-Taylor, Magdalene .. .. | 12 | 4½ |
| 4. F. W. Atkin, Jesus .. .. .. .. .. | 12 | 10 |
| 5. E. Lambert, Pembroke .. .. .. .. | 12 | 7 |
| 6. M. Hutchinson, Jesus .. .. .. .. | 12 | 0½ |
| 7. C. W. Moore, Christ's .. .. .. .. | 11 | 10½ |
| E. C. Brooksbank, Trinity Hall (stroke) .. | 11 | 9½ |
| H. Woodhouse, Trinity Hall (cox.).. .. | 7 | 4 |

The University sports at Cambridge, from which the committee of the C.U.A.C. are enabled to select representatives to compete against Oxford at Lillie-bridge, were concluded, last Saturday afternoon, having extended over three days. The following are the winners:—100 Yards—E. Storey, Trinity, 1; F. G. L. Lucas, Trinity, 2. Won by a yard. Time, 10 5-5th sec. Quarter-mile—R. H. Macaulay, King's, 1; G. E. Grace, Clare, 2. Won by five yards. Time, 56 2-5th sec. One Mile—J. G. Bradshaw, Jesus, 1; W. W. Hough, Corpus, 2; W. F. Phillips, Caiverhill, 3. Won by five yards; thirty yards between second and third. Time, 4 min 22 3-5th sec. Three Miles—W. W. Hough, Corpus, 1; W. E. Fraser, Pembroke, 2; E. A. Armstrong, Jesus, 3. Won easily by twenty yards; ten yards between second and third. Time, 16 min. 11 3-5th sec. Putting the Weight—E. Storey, Trinity, 35 ft. 11in., 1; G. Wells-Ware, Pembroke, 32 ft. 2½ in., 2. Scott, of Emmanuel, was unavoidably absent. Throwing the Hammer—E. D. Ritchie, Trinity, 90 ft. 5 in., 1; H. H. Bibby, Jesus, 88 ft., 2. Long Jump—W. C. Elliot, Trinity, 20 ft. 6¼ in., 1; E. Storey, Trinity, 20 ft., 2. High Jump—H. D. Cooke, Trinity, 5 ft. 5½ in., 1; R. H. Macaulay, King's (who was suffering from an injured heel), and two others tied at 5 ft. 4 in. 120-Yards Hurdle-Race, ten flights—W. E. Bayley, Trinity, 1; A. R. Don Wauchope, Trinity, 2. Won by five yards. Time, 17 sec. In addition to the foregoing, which are the events on the card for the Inter-University Sports, C. Y. L. Bosanquet, last C., won the 120-Yards Hurdle-race, with three yards start; W. F. Wells Cole, Jesus, Twenty-eight yards start, won the Third of a Mile Handicap; and J. G. Bradshaw, Jesus, beat Grace, of Clare, in the Half Mile Race.

The Oxford and Cambridge sports will take place on Thursday, April 7, the day before the boat-race.

On the day of the fire at the Opera-House at Nice an international match was sailed, and the Cetonia, schooner, 191 tons, owned by the Earl of Gosford, won the first prize, and the Gertrude, yawl, 80 tons (Lieutenant Henn, R.N.), the second prize; the Ianira, schooner, 208 tons (Captain Hargreaves), also started, but gave up.

The Old Carthusians and Darwen Clubs met at Kennington Oval on Saturday last to decide the semi-final tie for the Challenge Cup, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The game ended in a victory for the Old Carthusians by four goals to one. The winners meet the Old Etonians to decide the final tie on April 9.

There were about 15,000 spectators at Glasgow on Saturday to witness the final tie in the Scotch Challenge Cup between Queen's Park and Dumbarton Clubs. The play throughout was most exciting, and the match resulted in victory for Queen's Park by two goals to one; but the losers have appealed to the Scottish Association, on the plea that the crowd interfered with their play.

Are we to have another protracted swimming-match at the Westminster Aquarium? George Fearn, of Wandsworth, challenges Captain Webb for six days, eight hours per day, for £50 a side.

The funeral of the late Mr. Fred. Ralph, of boating fame, took place last Monday afternoon, at the Garrett-lane Cemetery, Wandsworth, where many an oarsman indebted to Fred. Ralph ought to visit his grave.

"Blower" Brown is going to Australia to meet a long-winded Australian.

The Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase was won by Captain Kirkwood's Woodbrook by four lengths from Regal; Thornfield was a bad third.

Patrons of Croydon races were more fortunate on Tuesday afternoon than they were at the last meeting in regard to the favours shown them by the clerk of the weather. The outsiders began well, the Shirley Plate and Woodside being won by horses that carried very little public money. For the Grand Hurdle Race Fabius was the first to show in front, and at a good pace cut out the work in front of Harbinger, but at the end of a mile Albania closed with the pair, and getting the best of it between the last two rows of hurdles, she won a good race by two lengths.

Fine weather also made Rugby Races enjoyable on Tuesday.

After the heavy week's racing at Lincoln and Liverpool, settling monopolised most of the attention at Tattersall's on Monday. Yet forthcoming events came in for a little consideration. The easy victory of Buchanan in the Lincolnshire Handicap caused him to occupy the position of first favourite for the City and Suburban, although both Bend Or and Prestonpans ruled pretty firm. But little business was transacted over the Two Thousand and the Derby, for both which events Scobell was most generally fancied. Quotations:—

CITY AND SUBURBAN (Run April 27).

| | |
|---|---|
| 100 to 8 agst Buchanan (c, after 100 to 7 t) | 20 to 1 agst Out of Bounds (c) |
| | 25 to 1 — Fernandez (c, after 20 to 1 t) |
| 100 to 7 — Bend Or (t & c) | |
| 100 to 7 — Prestonpans (t) | 25 to 1 — Elf King (t) |
| 100 to 6 — Bonnie Mavis (t & c) | |

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS (Run May 4).

| | |
|---|---|
| 9 to 2 agst Scobell (t) | 100 to 7 agst Iroquois (t & c) |

DERBY (Run June 1).

| | |
|---|---|
| 8 to 1 agst Scobell (t) | 33 to 1 agst Tunis (t) |

Mr. Sala, C.B.! A Companionship of the Bath has been bestowed upon Mr. George Augustus Sala. Witness the subjoined extract from a St. Petersburg telegram of this:—"On the first night of our arrival here I was forced to sleep in a bath-room, which was actually the only accommodation which the people of the Hôtel d'Angleterre had to offer a weary and belated traveller."

The date chosen for the undermentioned publication is not a happy one: "Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode have at press, to be ready by April 1, the New Testament, with copious revision notes at the foot of the pages, by the same eminent editors as their well-known Variorum Reference Bible."

REPORTS OF THE TENANT FARMERS ON THE DOMINION OF CANADA AS A FIELD FOR SETTLEMENT.—This very useful work consists of a compilation of reports that have been made by practical farmers who visited Canada last year to consider its suitability as a field for emigration. Being written by farmers for farmers, its contents are practical and to the point, and it is certainly a book which every intending emigrant should read before deciding to what part of the world he would go. Full information is given as to the passage, free grants of land, prices of labour, cost of living, climate, &c. The reports have been made by the following gentlemen:—Mr. J. H. Stephen, Mr. Hugh McLean, Mr. George Curtis, Mr. R. H. B. P. Anderson, Mr. W. Cubitt, Mr. Peter Imrie, Mr. J. Sparrow, Mr. G. O. Broderick, and Mr. J. Sagar. There is also a report by Mr. James Riddell, who has been residing in Manitoba for two years, and is well acquainted with the country. In the book, which contains 144 pages, will also be found extracts from the reports of Messrs. Clarke Stowell Read and Pell, and much other information of a general character as to the free grants of land, taxes, demand and wages for labour, and assisted passages. We may state, for the benefit of our agricultural readers and others interested in emigration, that it may be obtained, post-free, on application at the Canadian Government Office in London, 10, Victoria-chambers, S.W.

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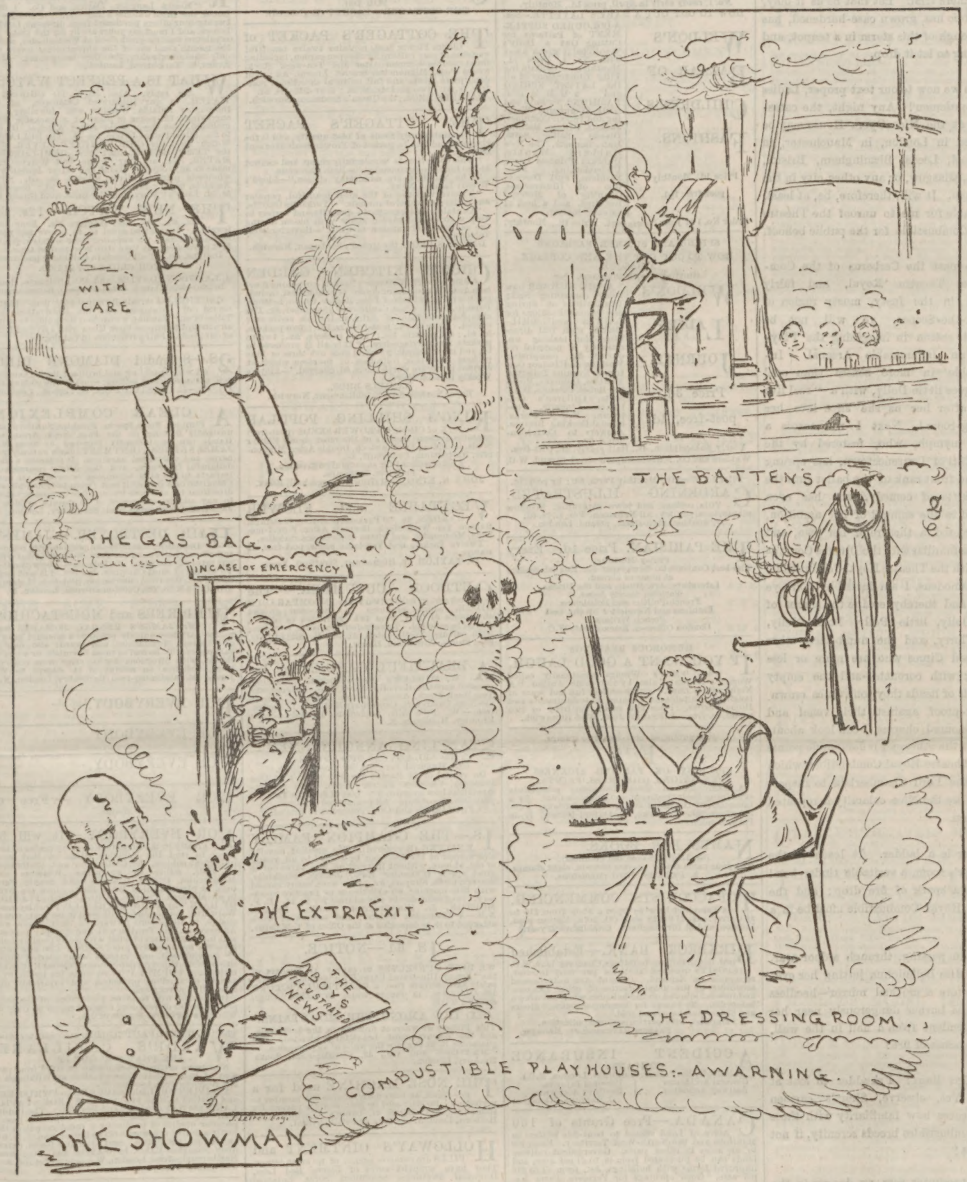
# TRAINING FOR THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE.

OXONIANS AT OXFORD.—(See "Sports and Pastimes.")

PRACTICE AT PUTNEY.—(See "Sports and Pastimes.")

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But I am reminded that it is *our* lot to provide stronger meat. Now it is our unhappy province to withdraw the curtains from Beauty's boudoir, 'reft, alas! of its siren, its luxurious sofas, its inviting ottomans. Then, the Ottoman question turns up in a most unexpected quarter; and directs our attention to a Court of Law in Westminster Hall, of all places in the universe. Possibly, the negative Verdict returned by the puzzled Jury was the

inevitable result of the Lawson versus Labouchere trial. Let that be as it may, the public has grown case-hardened, has had enough of this storm in a teapot, and is willing to let it drop.

Turn we now to our text proper, Ladies and Gentlemen! Any night, the catastrophe at the Nice Opera-House may be repeated in London, in Manchester, in Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham, Bristol, Dublin, Glasgow, or any other city in the Kingdom. It will, therefore, be, at least, seasonable for me to unroof the Theatre Royal Combustible for the public behoof.

Once past the Cerberus of the Combustible Theatre Royal, and fairly landed, in the fusty, musty region of Behind-the-Scenes, ye will not be without reason in imagining the Play-house an inflammable Arsenal. Inflammable in more senses than one! There goes little Dolly, with a "real live lord" after her as she slips into her dressing-room! Next I run across a blonde nymph, who, fostered by the noble Earl of Laurencetown, has sprung from the front rank of the ballet into the long skirts of comedy, who has even attained to the summit of her ambition, and directed a theatre of her own, and who is as familiar with the Divorce Court as she is with the Theatre Royal Combustible. Like Asmodeus, I am invisible, don't ye know! and thereby escape the snares of little Dolly, little Polly, little Nelly, little Florry, and the numberless other steel-eyed Circes who are more or less familiar with coronets—and the empty eggshells of heads they sometimes crown. Armour-proof against their venal and time-honoured charms, I can look about, and spot the otherwise inflammable points of the Theatre Royal Combustible, which I pray the Lord Chamberlain to inspect himself ere the Nice calamity is repeated in London.

Yonder is a ladder. It leads to the carpenter's room, a veritable tinder-box! Let but a spark of fire drop; and the Theatre Royal Combustible must be in a blaze!

Peep, in passing, through a door ajar, and see Miss Belladonna jetting her eyelashes before a cracked mirror—heedless of the gas burner dangerously near her mantle pendent from a nail in the wall. Another cause of fire!

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